THE BREAKER
New Waves

THE PLAYFULNESS IS GONE FROM HIS FACE.

SO, WHAT HE SAID ACTUALLY HIT A NERVE.

!

TAAT

HUU~

VENUS
EARTH
MARS

KUUK!

!

ドン

PA-POW

ドン

CRACK CRACK CRACK

ドカット

ドカット

YI SHIOON!

VENUS
EARTH
MARS

BA-BAM BAM BAM

EH

EH

EH

THOUSAND FLOWERS, FULL BLOSSOM*1

[*- "CHUN HWA MAHN GAE": THOUSAND, FLOWERS, FULL/PLENTY, OPEN/BLOSSOM]

VENUS

HUU~

YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF.

BOOOM

OH

PA-POP POP

KUUUK!

HAVE A TASTE OF DEATH WITH THIS PAIN.

KUUK!

MOVE!

PART II

HEY! SHIOON!

SHUU

SHUU-SHUU SHUU GRAB!

ARGGH!

[*- "OLDER SISTER" FROM A BOY'S POV]

POP PA-POP POP

SERA NOONA*, JUST LET HER GO. THIS WAS HARDLY WHAT YOU'D CALL A MATCH...

VENUS EARTH MARS

YOU! YOU REALLY WANNA GO UP AGAINST ME?!

THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR MATCH.

HAA~

HAA~

C-
C'MON...
ATTACK
ME...

HIS ENTIRE
BODY SHOULD
BE MESSED UP,
SO HOW...

KUK!

FWOOMP
FWOOMP

KUUK!

JUST...
HOW THE
HELL IS
HE...

[T/N - "MOO GUM JI GYUNG": WITHOUT/NO, SWORD, ATTAIN/BECOME, PLACE/STATE/LEVEL]

ARE YOU
REALLY GOING TO
LET HIM FIGHT?
HIS OPPONENT HAS
ALREADY ATTAINED
THE "SWORDLESS
STATE"!

IF YOU KNOW
THAT ALREADY,
THEN YOU
SHOULD BE
STOPPING
HIM!

KEH...
YEAH. HE'S
A FOOL,
ALRIGHT. ONLY A
FOOL LIKE HIM
WOULD IGNORE
HIS OWN LIMITS
AND KEEP
GOING.

THAT FOOL HAS
NO IDEA HOW
FORMIDABLE
THAT IS,
AND HE'S
STILL GOING
TO FIGHT!

IF YOU THINK RATIONALLY, OF COURSE IT MAKES NO SENSE.

BUT... SOMEHOW, I FEEL THIS INCOMPREHENSIBLE STRENGTH... OR SPIRIT, PERHAPS... FROM THAT BRAT.

SPIRIT...

WHAT?

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, BUT SOMEHOW I GET THIS FEELING HE WON'T LOSE SO EASILY.

FINE. SO YOU WANT TO KEEP GOING TILL THE END...

SO, THAT...

HUK

HUK

...IS THE GOOMOONRYONG-LEVEL SPIRIT...

WHY DON'T WE SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN LAST?

DAMMIT! NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS... TO HELL WITH ELDER KWON'S ORDERS OR WHATEVER!

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I'VE USED EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE, BUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF ELDER KWON ARE STILL UNKNOWN.

LIKE I THOUGHT, THERE'S A LIMIT TO WHAT I CAN DO.

BUT, AS IT STANDS NOW, THAT IDIOT'S GONNA DIE!

NO! A CLASH BETWEEN ELDERS MUST NOT HAPPEN!

THE ONLY REASON THE MAIN BRANCH STILL STANDS IS BECAUSE OF THE ELDERS. IF THERE IS A CLASH BETWEEN THE ELDERS, IT WILL MEAN THE END OF THE MAIN BRANCH.

BA-DA-BOOM

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CHE... SO I'VE OVERDONE IT, HUH?

STING

HUU~

VENUS
EARTH
MARS

BUT THEN, HE'S ALSO NO LONGER...

C-
C'MON.

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

OKAY, OKAY. I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU'RE AMAZING, SO LET'S JUST SAY THAT YOU LOST, AND END THIS.

VENUS EARTH

YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE LIKE THIS, DO YOU?

OI, OI... I'M GETTING SICK OF THIS.

YOU'RE AMAZING ENOUGH, HAVING GONE THIS FAR AGAINST A STRONG OPPONENT LIKE ME.

I- I HAVE MET PEOPLE WHO ARE TRULY STRONG...

YOU... ARE NOT STRONG...

NONE OF THEM EVER THREATENED OTHERS... OR SHOWED OFF THEIR STRENGTH ON PURPOSE.

HUH? INSECURE? ME?

!

BUT YOU ARE DIFFERENT... YOU'RE INSECURE ABOUT SOMETHING.

SWORD ARTS ARE NAMED ACCORDING TO THEIR LEVELS.

YEAH. I CAN FEEL IT. YOUR INSECURITY, AND YOUR IMPATIENCE...

FIRST IS THE LIGHT SWORD STATE*, WHICH USES A LIGHTWEIGHT SWORD. THEN COMES THE HEAVY SWORD STATE*, WITH INCREASINGLY HEAVIER SWORDS.

NEXT IS THE GENTLE SWORD STATE*, WITH THE SMOOTH MASTERY OF THE HEAVY SWORD. THEN IT'S THE ABLE SWORD STATE*, WHERE ANYTHING IN ONE'S HAND BECOMES A SWORD.

AND LASTLY THE FINAL LEVEL, WHERE YOU CAN USE SWORD ARTS WITHOUT HOLDING ANYTHING -- THE SWORDLESS STATE*.

[- "GYUNG GUM JI GYUNG"; "JOONG GUM JI GYUNG"; "YUN GUM JI GYUNG"; "NEUNG GUM JI GYUNG"; "MOO GUM JI GYUNG"]*

KIDS WHO FOR A FEW SECONDS SAW HIM USING SWORD ARTS WITH BARE HANDS WERE PROBABLY SHOCKED INTO BELIEVING IT WAS THE SWORDLESS STATE, BUT A REAL SWORDLESS STATE IS WAY BEYOND THAT.

YOU SAID HE WENT FOR YOUR MERIDIAN, RIGHT? THAT KIND OF ATTACK FALLS UNDER FINGER TECHNIQUES, AND IS HARDLY A SWORD ART.

THEN, DOES THAT MEAN HE'S ATTAINED THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE SWORD?

AND THAT'S WHY... YOU KEEP IMITATING SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE, LIKE THE SWORDLESS STATE.

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AND WITH A FINGER TECHNIQUE WHICH ISN'T YOUR SPECIALTY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN IT FOR MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS. MOST LIKELY, YOU'LL NEED TO GRAB A SWORD AFTER USING IT A COUPLE TIMES.

...ARE NOTHING BUT A BLUFF.

I'M SAYING THAT YOUR SKILLS...

SO... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING EXACTLY?

HUK

HUK

A BLUFF, HUH...

W- WHY DOES HE KEEP ANTAGONIZING HIM? HE'S JUST ASKING FOR MORE PUNISHMENT...

WHAT?

THIS TIME, I'LL BE GOING FOR YOUR EYE.

FINE. I UNDERSTAND.

WELL?
YOU STILL
WANNA SEE
THIS
THROUGH TO
THE END?

HEY,
YI SHIOON!
STOP THIS
ALREADY!
HE'S CRAZY!

...

I...

WHETHER OR NOT
IT'S A BLUFF,
DO YOU REALLY
THINK YOU'LL
STAY ALIVE
AFTER GETTING
PIERCED
THROUGH
YOUR EYE?

...WILL NEVER SURRENDER!

ETOK

THAT

I SEE. FINE!

YI SHIOON!

AND HE'S SLOWED DOWN BECAUSE HE'S ALSO TIRED!

I... CAN DEFINITELY CATCH UP TO HIS SPEED.

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE!

PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE, YOU SAY?

WITH THE FEAR OF DEATH!